

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An image forming apparatus, comprising:

a program obtaining part configured to send ~~for sending~~ a screen data for inputting a program to a client terminal, and receiving the program from the client terminal; and

a program execution part configured to execute ~~for executing~~ the program received by the program obtaining part.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Original): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the program obtaining part includes a Web server capability, and the image forming apparatus sends a html file as the screen data to the client terminal according to access from the client terminal.

Claim 4 (Original): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein the image forming apparatus detects an event from the client terminal and executes a CGI program corresponding to the event.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Original): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the image forming apparatus associates a key with the program according to a request from the client terminal or an operation display part of the image forming apparatus, and stores a table including correspondence between the program and the key.

Claim 7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Original): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 6, the image forming apparatus displays a key assigning screen for assigning a key to the program, and assigns a key to a program according to input from the key assigning screen.

Claim 9 (Original): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the image forming apparatus executes the program for testing operation of the program.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, the image forming apparatus further comprising a part configured to access ~~for accessing~~ a server that stores programs and downloading a program from the server.

Claim 11 (Canceled).

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, the image forming apparatus further comprising:

hardware resources configured to perform ~~used for~~ image forming processing;

control services existing between the hardware resources and an application in the image forming apparatus;

wherein the program operates as the application.

Claim 13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A program execution method in an image forming apparatus, the program execution method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

    sending a screen data for inputting a program to a client terminal;  
    receiving the program from the client terminal; and  
    executing the program received from the client terminal.

Claim 15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Original): The program execution method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the image forming apparatus sends a html file as the screen data to the client terminal according to access from the client terminal.

Claim 17 (Original): The program execution method as claimed in claim 16, wherein the image forming apparatus detects an event from the client terminal and executes a CGI program corresponding to the event.

Claim 18 (Canceled).

Claim 19 (Original): The program execution method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the image forming apparatus associates a key with the program according to a request from the client terminal or an operation display part of the image forming apparatus, and stores a table including correspondence between the program and the key.

Claim 20 (Original): The program execution method as claimed in claim 19, wherein the image forming apparatus detects input of the key, and executes the program corresponding to the key by referring to the table.

Claim 21 (Canceled).

Claim 22 (Original): The program execution method as claimed in claim 14, the image forming apparatus comprising:

hardware resources used for image forming processing;

control services existing between the hardware resources and an application in the image forming apparatus;

wherein the program operates as the application.

Claims 23-24 (Canceled).

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The program as claimed in claim 28 [[23]], wherein the program obtaining program code ~~means~~ includes a Web server capability, and causes the image forming apparatus to send a html file as the screen data to the client terminal according to access from the client terminal.

Claim 26-27 (Canceled).

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): A computer readable recording medium storing a program causing an image forming apparatus to obtain an application program, the program comprising:

program obtaining program code configured to send ~~means for sending~~ a screen data for inputting an application program to a client terminal, and receive ~~receiving~~ the application program from the client terminal.

Claims 29-105 (Canceled)